GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TEXTILES
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4119
ANSWERED ON:14.12.2001
PRODUCTION AND EXPORT OF SILK
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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the total production of silk in the country during each of the last three years, State-wise;

(b) whether the Union Government have made any assessment regarding export of Silk;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether Indian silk exporters are facing problems in selling their products in International market;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) the action taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR TEXTILES (SHRI V. DHANANJAYA KUMAR)

(a) The total production of raw silk in the country during the last three years viz. 1998-99, 1999-2000 and 2000-2001, State-wise is annexed.

(b) to (f) Export of Indian Silk products, comprising mainly natural silk yarn, fabrics, madeups, readymade garments, silk carpets and silk waste, (Indian Silk Exports) have grown during the last three years, rising from Rs.1250.55 crores in 1998-1999 to Rs.2421.32 crores in 2000-2001. However in the current year, export of silk goods have shown a declining trend in comparison with the corresponding period last year, due mainly to a global economic slowdown. Government is taking several steps to increase the exports of the silk products:-

(i) The Government is providing assistance to the Indian Silk Export Promotion Council, Mumbai for undertaking various export promotion activities such as participation in international fairs, organizing generic promotion stalls in domestic fairs like TexStyles India, Publicity in foreign trade magazines, publication of magazine ` Silk India` and colour forecast card for domestic silk manufacturers, dissemination of overseas trade information among exporters, etc.

(ii) Government has rationalized value addition/Input-output norms specified under the Exim Policy extended to exporters, the facility of duty free import of raw material under the Advance Licensing Scheme, import of capital goods at concessional rate of duty for export products.

(iii) For Technological up-gradation of the industry, loan at 5% point less than applicable rate, under the Technological Up-gradation Fund Scheme for the Textiles sector is available inter alia to the silk sector.

(iv) Government have initiated a production programme of high quality bivoltine silk to improve quality of Indian silk and increase its productivity & cost competitiveness.

(v) Import of raw silk has been liberalized by being brought under OGL, which has increased availability of good quality silk.

ANNEXEURE- I

Statement referred to in reply to L.S.U.Q. No. 4119 for 14/12/2001regarding production and export of silk

Unit: Tonns

Sl.No.	State	1998-99			1999-2000			2000-01		
		Mulbery	Non-	Total	Mulberry	Non-Mulberry	Total	Mulberry	Non-Mulberry	Total

Mulbery

1	Andhra Pradesh	3335.00	1.00	3336.00	3757.00	1.00	3758.00	4183.00	2.00	4185.00
2	Jammu&Kashmir	86.00		86.00	85.00		85.00	98.00		98.00
3	Karnataka	8944.00		8944.00	8121.00		8121.00	8200.00		8200.00
4	Tamil Nadu	616.00		616.00	672.00		672.00	711.00		711.00
5	West Bengal	1118.00	22.13	1140.13	1152.00	23.13	1175.13	1050.00	21.11	1071.11
6	Assam	16.00	563.00	579.00	19.20	549.00	568.20	17.00	527.00	544.00
7	Arunachal Pra	2.00	12.17	14.17	0.27	5.00	5.27	1.00	10.13	11.13
8	Bihar	7.00	142.00	149.00	4.50	115.00	119.50	3.00	27.00	30.00
9	Chhattisgarh	0.00		0.00	2.00		73.00	75.00		
10	Gujarat	Neg.		Neg.			0.00			
11	Himachal Pra	14.00		14.00	10.90		10.90	13.00		13.00
12	Haryana	Neg.			0.00		0.00			
13	Jharkhand	0.00		0.00	1.00		96.00	97.00		
14	Kerala	2.00		2.00	2.48		2.48	4.00		4.00
15	Madhya Pradesh	7.00	68.00	75.00	7.10		79.00	86.10	3.00	2.00	5.00
16	Maharashtra	19.00	0.20	19.20	26.20		1.00	27.20	35.00	3.00	38.00
17	Manipur	49.00	178.70	227.70	57.00		180.00	237.00	57.00	363.11	420.11
18	Mizoram	1.00	Neg.	2.00	Neg.		Neg.	4.00	4.00	8.00	
19	Meghalaya	1.00	235.76	236.76	1.00		267.40	268.40	3.00	245.00	248.00
20	Nagaland	0.32	25.10	25.42	0.25		28.10	28.35	Neg.	29.07	29.07
21	Orissa	5.00	33.50	38.50	5.00		18.00	23.00	5.00	20.00	25.00
22	Punjab	2.60		2.60	0.18		0.18	Neg.		0.00	
23	Rajasthan	0.38		0.38	0.30		0.30	Neg.		0.00	
24	Sikkim	0.00		0.00			0.00				
25	Tripura	3.70		3.70	4.00		4.00	4.00		4.00	
26	Uttaranchal	0.00		0.00	15.00		15.00				
27	Uttar Pradesh	31.00	2.70	33.70	17.00		2.00	19.00	23.00	2.00	25.00

Total	14260.00	1284.26	15544.26	13944.38	1268.63	15211.01	14432.00	1424.42	15856.42